

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 5, and cancel claims 1-4 and 8, as set forth in the listing of claims that follows.

1-3. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell assembly comprising,
first and second components in spaced, parallel relationship, and
a gasket ~~for sealing a joint~~ disposed between said first and second components in
~~said fuel cell assembly~~, said gasket being formed of first and second sheet metal elements
and including

a planar region having an opening therein for passage of gas between said first and second components, said first and second sheet metal elements being bonded at said planar region, and

a pillow structure ~~non-planar region~~ surrounding said opening and extending from said planar region, said pillow structure defining a gas-filled chamber enclosed with said first and second sheet metal elements and being diffusion bonded to said first and second components to form a sealed joint therebetween ~~and defining a closed gas-filled pillow structure for sealing said joint between components.~~

6. (Original) A fuel cell assembly in accordance with Claim 5 wherein said assembly is an auxiliary power unit for a vehicle.

7. (Original) A fuel cell assembly in accordance with Claim 6 wherein said vehicle is selected from the group consisting of car, truck, boat, ship, airplane, and space vehicle.

8. (Cancelled)